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For: METHOD FOR UTILIZING A FUEL BY USING EXOTHERMIC PRE-REACTIONS IN THE FORM OF A COLD FLAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 3",
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, change "claim 1" to
--step--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 4",
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1",
in line 3, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 5",
insert --claim 1--; in line 4, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "of claim 1", in line 3, delete "of
claim 1"

Claim 8, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 7",
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 8",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 9",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 9",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 12, line 2, delete "of claim 1",

Claim 13, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 12",
insert --claim 2--; line 2, insert --said-- immediately
before "fuels" and delete "as defined in claim 2"; line
4, delete "of claim 1".

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Claim 14, line 2, delete "of claim 1",
Claim 15, line 1, delete "claims 9 and/or 14",
insert --claim 9--;
Claim 16, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 15",
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1".
Claim 17, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 16",
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1".
Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of claims 1 to
17", insert --claim 1--;
19 (amended). [Use of the product prepared by the] The process
according to claim 9 [in a process according to at least one of
claims 1 to 17], wherein the process is repeated using the product
of step (b) as the starting fuel.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to
delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple
dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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